A Beautiful Dresser from Studio C Plans!

The Finished Version of the Raphael Dresser Plans (with Beautiful Hardware!)

Thanks to D. Lawless Hardware for providing the beautiful handles I used on this dresser!

When I was drawing plans for the Raphael Dresser, I knew I wanted to build it – immediately!! The day after I posted it, I cut the legs from the plan and template -mainly to check the accuracy of the template and it worked! So I present – my finished version of the Raphael Dresser plans!

As complicated as this dresser may look, it was a very, very easy build. I used discounted lumber (some pieces were damaged) for a majority of the construction. The side panels are made with scraps of tongue and groove beaded planking (which I forgot to photograph!).

The legs were so simple to make with the help of the template. I cut both pieces at once using a bandsaw then sanded them together.

I did make a mistake on the drawer fronts and cut them an inch too short. D’oh! I ripped 1/2″ wide strips from a few scraps

and after staining them, I nailed them to the sides of the drawer fronts. I think it sort of adds to the rustic look as I never fill the holes, knots, or imperfections in the lumber I'm using.

The hardware is really fabulous, isn't it? The handles are from D. Lawless Hardware and they have a fabulous selection of hardware as well as excellent customer service! These handles started as brass then were spray painted coral because I like the way the coral looks with dark brown stain.

This is a piece I am keeping. I think I am going to paint an antique mirror frame in the same color as the hardware to hang above the dresser. I may try to draft plans for matching nightstands… Wouldn’t that be awesome?

So this is my finished version of the Raphael Dresser plans… I would love to see your version! Please feel free to share photos of your finished projects, I would love to see them!